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Expert Meeting on Energy Services in International Trade:
Development Implications
Geneva, 23-25 July 2001
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

## I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Energy services in international trade: Development implications

4. Adoption of the outcome of the Meeting

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## II. Annotatio..s to the provisional agenda

### Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

### Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the Expert Meeting is reproduced in section I above. The provisional schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

3. During the open-ended consultations carried out by the President of the Trade and Development Board on 30 January 2001, it was decided, in accordance with the Bangkok Plan of Action as contained in document TD/386, to convene an Expert Meeting on Energy Services in International Trade: Development Implications. The Commission on Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities endorsed this decision at its fifth session (19-23 February 2001).

4. In line with its mandate, the meeting will have one substantive segment.

### Item 3: Energy services in international trade: Development implications

5. The discussions under this substantive item will be aimed at assisting UNCTAD member States to have a better understanding of trade in energy services and its impact on development. A deeper and more detailed knowledge of this emerging issue and of its development implications will assist UNCTAD Member States in terms of taking positions and scheduling commitments in the ongoing multilateral negotiations on trade in services. The Expert Meeting will consider the topic under two dimensions: (i) *the development dimension*, by analysing how the strengthening of the energy services sector can contribute to better and larger access to energy in developing countries; (ii) *the trade dimension*, by focusing on how to increase developing country participation in the globalizing international markets for energy services, and on how to create a supportive context through appropriate trade negotiations in energy services and in the related sectors. It will be relevant to look at the links between energy services and other components of the energy industry, as well as between energy services and other internationally traded services.

6. The discussion of trade in energy services will be based on the secretariat's background note, country-specific experience papers and/or sector-specific case-studies to be presented by national experts and resource persons.

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Item 4: Adoption of the outcome of the Meeting

7. The outcome of the Meeting will reflect the views expressed by the experts. It will be transmitted to the sixth session of the Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, which will make recommendations on actions to be taken by member States and UNCTAD.

8. The final report of the Meeting will be compiled under the authority of the Rapporteur and Chairperson after the conclusion of the Meeting.

## SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

| **Day 1**<br>**(23 July 2001)** | **Day 2**<br>**(24 July 2001)** | **Day 3**<br>**(25 July 2001)** |
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| ***(10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)***<br><br>**Plenary**<br>Opening statement<br><br>Item 1: Election of officers<br><br>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work<br><br>**Informals**<br><br>Item 3:Energy services in international trade: Development implications | ***(10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)***<br><br>**Informals (continued)**<br><br>Item 3:<br>(continued) | ***(10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)***<br><br>**Informals (continued)**<br><br>Item 3:<br>(continued) |
| ***(3 p.m.- 6 p.m.)***<br><br>**Informals (continued)**<br><br>Item 3:<br>(continued) | ***(3 p.m.- 6 p.m.)***<br><br>**Informals (continued)**<br><br>Item 3:<br>(continued) | ***(3 p.m.- 6 p.m.)***<br><br>**Plenary** (closing)<br><br>Item 4: Adoption of the outcome |

***Inputs from experts***

Experts nominated by member States are requested to submit brief papers to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting. Papers, which will draw on experts' experience, will be made available to other participants at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. An expert paper may include one or more of the following topics:

**Markets**:

- Examination of current trends in energy markets and their impact on energy services;
- Analysis of the role of energy services in the energy industry;
  - Links between energy services and other components of the energy industry, as well as between energy services and other internationally traded services;
- Import and export activities: are foreign companies operating in the country? Are domestic companies providing services abroad?
- Companies and profiles: who are the main suppliers of energy services?
- Examples of energy services and their impact on access to energy, energy savings, and environmental protection;
- Trade barriers faced by domestic firms supplying energy services in foreign markets.

**Policy instruments**:

- The role of energy services in pursuing trade and development objectives in specific countries/regions.
- Domestic regulatory reform in the energy sector and its impact on access to energy, energy savings and environmental protection, especially in developing countries;
- Regional experiences of integration of energy markets, with a specific focus on energy services;
- Legal frameworks for private firms operating in the energy sector, with a specific focus on energy services.

**Objectives of multilateral trade negotiations on energy services**:

- Ideas on possible strategies and polices for developing countries to pursue the objectives of ensuring more efficient and larger access to energy and strengthening their competitive position in the supply of energy services;
- Ideas on how to create a context supportive of development through appropriate trade negotiations in energy services and in the related sectors.

Inputs from experts from all UNCTAD member States (developing countries, including LDCs, countries in transition, and developed countries) will be pertinent to enhancing the deliberations at the Meeting.

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To facilitate the preparation of papers, experts may wish to take into account the questions raised in the last paragraph of the secretariat's background note, although it is not compulsory to follow it. Experts are encouraged to provide concrete example of experiences of their country/region as specifically as possible.

Experts are requested to submit papers by 10 July 2001 to:

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